

**Listing of the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows and replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application with the following listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for searching data comprising:  
generating a temporally ranked set of search results in response to a query, the step of generating ~~a temporally~~ the temporally ranked set of search results comprising:  
generating an initial set of search results;  
identifying a first portion of the initial search results having creation dates after a pre-determined threshold date; and  
identifying a second portion of the initial search results having creation dates before the pre-determined threshold date; and  
ranking ~~at least a~~ the second portion of the initial set of search results based on temporal factors to generate the temporally ranked set of search results.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of generating the initial set of search results comprises using reputation based factors or content based factors.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of ranking the second portion of the initial search results comprises assigning a present importance weight and a future importance weight to each result in the second portion of the initial set of search results.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising:  
determining the present importance of each result using creation date, publication date, in-link dates, search frequency or combinations thereof; and  
determining the future importance using an aging factor based on the elapsed time from publication for each search result and a rate at which each search result decreases in importance.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data being searched comprises web-based data and the method further comprises obtaining time and date information about each search result from meta content associated with the search result.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ranking the first portion of the initial search results based on a reputation associated with authors of each result, a reputation associated with a repository where each result is located or a combination of author and repository reputation.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising ranking the initial set of search results based upon the reputation or content of each result.
9. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium containing a computer executable code that when read by a computer causes the computer to perform a method for searching data comprising generating a temporally ranked set of search results in response to a query, said step of generating a temporally ranked set of search results comprising:
  - generating an initial set of search results;
  - identifying a first portion of the initial search results having creation dates after a pre-determined threshold date; and
  - identifying a second portion of the initial search results having creation dates before the pre-determined threshold date; and
  - ranking ~~at least a~~ the second portion of the initial set of search results based on temporal factors to generate the temporally ranked set of search results.
10. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 9, wherein the step of ranking the second portion of the initial search results comprises assigning a present

importance weight and a future importance weight to each result in the second portion of the initial set of search results.

11. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 10, further comprising:  
determining the present importance of each result using creation date, publication date, in-link dates, search frequency or combinations thereof; and  
determining the future importance using an aging factor based on the elapsed time from publication for each search result and a rate at which each search result decreases in importance.
12. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 9, wherein the data being search comprises web-based data and the method further comprises obtaining time and date information about each search result from meta content associated with the search result.
13. (Canceled)
14. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 10, further comprising ranking the first portion of the initial search results based on a reputation associated with authors of each result, a reputation associated with a repository where each result is located or a combination of author and repository reputation.
15. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
offering a service to customers that generates a temporally ranked set of search results in response to a query, the temporally ranked set of search results utilizing an age associated with each result in the set of search results to rank the search results; and  
modifying one or more parameters of the service in response to customer input.
16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the parameters comprise rate of phase-out of old data, decay rate, temporal criteria, reputation ranking techniques or combinations

thereof.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein further comprising modifying the parameters based upon the topic or repository being searched.